

## Budget Deficit

**T**he CSZ Finance Committee has projected there will be a budget deficit as high as \$25,000 for fiscal year 1990/91, due to revenues this year being lower than budgeted. Several reasons are cited for this problem: many members' dues pledges have not yet been received; donations to the General Fund have been lower this year; and contributions to the pushkes have been lower as well. For fiscal year 1989/90, there was also a deficit of about \$10,000, due mostly to increased expenditures rather than to lower revenues.

Sha'ar Zahav depends completely for its support on CSZ members' dues and donations from members and the community. All members share the responsibility of supporting the synagogue with fair-share dues pledges, and, when possible, with other donations to the General Fund. It is simply not possible to run a synagogue responsibly unless adequate financial support is assured. CSZ cannot sustain a pattern of deficit

spending indefinitely. Our ability to plan for growth and assure the stability and viability of our existing programs fails or succeeds according to the willingness of our membership to support the synagogue.

Some ways that you can help include: sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat; donating to the General Fund (or pushkes); and keeping your dues pledge up to date. If you can afford to, please consider increasing your dues pledge for this year. Also this month, buying and selling of CSZ Chanukah raffle tickets and cookbooks will help. Make as many contributions as you can this year to the General Fund (rather than to a restricted fund) so that synagogue operations can continue to run as smoothly as in the past. Because CSZ means so much and deserves your support, please consider how you personally can help CSZ avoid ending the fiscal year again with a deficit.

—Ben Schalit,  
Finance Committee Chair

## Who Is Taking Care of Our Building?

**O**ur synagogue, just like your home or office, requires cleaning and periodic repairs. Although the building may not be heavily used during the day, the various rooms are booked for meetings, classes, and other functions just about every night. A typical Friday night Shabbat service may have more than 150 people in the sanctuary and oneg room. We also rent our space to other groups.

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## Chanukah Bop

**D**issatisfied with the lack of an ideal venue for flaunting your poodle skirt? Itching for a place to show off your new DA haircut? Come to the Chanukah Bop! Dance to doo-wop music and bid on the priceless rarities and indispensable services at our silent auction. Latkes and moonlight. What could be more divine?

Though blue suede shoes and other '50s garb are optional, latkes are not. What would be absolutely fabulous would be for you to contribute your own homemade latkes to our bash. Just call Shirley Liberman at the Latke Hotline (863-7500, ext. 123) to say you'll be bringing a generous helping of latkes. Shirley will allow you to use her special latke recipe—or you may use your own favorite.

Make the scene at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 15, at the Unitarian Center on Geary at Franklin. We'll supply the food, the music, and the decorations. And don't forget, your diligence in selling raffle tickets will not only contribute to our General Fund, but will make the drawings an exciting and suspenseful part of the evening. The price of admission is only \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

As this year's co-chairs, Lonnie Weiss and Gary Glasser put it, "Be there, or be square!"



On election day last month, the congregation happily learned that two of its members—Roberta Achtenberg (left) and Carole Migden (right)—were elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. We wish them wisdom and good fortune in their newly earned community leadership roles.



## Ode to 220 Danvers

A while ago I was on top of Twin Peaks, looking at the gorgeous panorama of San Francisco. Usually when I'm up there I look for the house in the Mission where I lived for many years. This time I found myself looking for Sha'ar Zahav. I realized that this physical spot has become a meaningful anchor for me, a kind of home.

Whenever I come to the synagogue at odd times, I spend a few minutes alone in the sanctuary. The Philadelphian in me who is homesick for nice old things enjoys the old-fashioned dark wood and the warmth of the textiles—the work of skilled and devoted hands. The silence and beauty of the sanctuary help me to a meditative and peaceful place.

Of course we can have a synagogue or spiritual community without a building; we did it for years. However, Judaism has many traditions in which the physical is an important part of religious or communal practice. Think of the elaborate and joyful preparations of the house for Pesach, or the way many people delight in cleaning for Shabbat. There are blessings for simple acts like washing the hands before preparing food or putting on a brand new shirt. (And we all know how important food is for the proper observance of just about everything!)

Back to 220 Danvers. The more I've been coming around here, the more I have been appreciating the place and learning about all its little corners and crannies. Have you ever looked at the side of the building from up above on Caselli—it looks like a scene from a charming country town. Did you know that there are rooms and spaces that can only be reached by a ladder?

All of us use the building, but many of us think that maintenance is not our department. Before you decide that you're not the type, think of all the different little itches that can be scratched by being on the Building Committee (like all our committees).

If you want to break away from stereotypes about what "ladylike" ladies or "gentlemen" men are supposed to do, here is your chance to roll up your sleeves. You can learn new skills at your own pace in a non-threatening environment. If you're social, you can yak on the phone with potential contractors. If you are the intellectual type, there are lots of intriguing problems to solve. If you love to shop, you can help choose new ceiling fixtures. For light involvement, you can change a few bulbs. If you are ready for a deep commitment, you can straighten out the basement. (I could go on and on, but I have obviously gone on enough.)

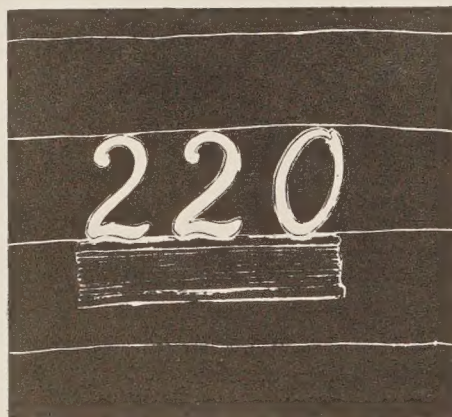
Jeffrey Miller, our Building Committee chair, is well-acquainted with all the secrets and surprises of our building. A man who is both debonair and handy with a socket wrench, he has spent a lot of time crawling, climbing, observing, and fixing the physical plant. But he can always use some more help.

I wasn't here when we bought the building, but I have heard the wonderful tale of how we raffled off a Rolls Royce for the building fund. I have always regretted that I missed the block party which celebrated our moving in. On that glorious day the Building Campaign Committee, led by Campaign Chair Irene Ogus carrying the Torah, made a joyous procession down Caselli Street. Every time I see the pictures, I am moved all over again.

I also remember the headline in the *Forward*—"A Home of Our Own"—how wondrous that was! Now that we've had the building a few years, the excitement has faded; instead of a parade

we have the mitzvah of daily maintenance. Instead of a Rolls Royce raffle, we have a building assessment. But that's exactly what we were dreaming of back in those exciting days—the pleasure of the everyday security of having our own home. Perhaps now when you think of writing a check or volunteering for a task, you will remember that you are helping to fulfill a dream.

—Merry Luskin



## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in November. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Seth Miller

Malia Lewis & Margaret Damasar

Martha Rosett

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*. All material is subject to editing; material will not be returned.

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## Dedicating the Chanukah Lights

Chanukah means "dedication" and commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its desecration in 165 B.C.E. Lighting the Chanukah menorah is an opportunity to reflect on our dedications. When we affirm or re-commit ourselves to what is most important, we often discover renewed energy and strength; that is why the light of the Menorah grows brighter with each night of the holiday. Listed below are some suggestions on how you might dedicate the Chanukah lights. They can serve as questions to ask yourself or to discuss with others. Each one invites you to an act of dedication. If you wish to ritualize this, you could say, as you light each candle, "I dedicate this candle to ..." May your festival be filled with light!

- *First candle—In memory of someone who has died.* Tell a little bit about this person, what was special, your relationship. What aspect of her/his unfinished work can you take on?

- *Second candle—A person who is living.* Although there is a severe shortage of heroes and heroines in our world, surely there is someone alive today whom you look up to and admire. Why do you appreciate this person? What can you do to emulate this person more fully?

- *Third candle—A mitzvah.* What mitzvah have you been waiting to start or learn to do more fully? The *mitzvot* are the pathway to living a Jewish life. Start with one and, in honor of the holiday, dedicate yourself to its realization in your life. What is your next step?

- *Fourth candle—Study Torah.* The study of Torah is the life-long task of the Jew. Teach something to those with whom you are sharing the holiday; learn something new for its own sake. Buy a

book or check one out of our library, enroll in a class, come to Saturday Torah study. Make a commitment to studying Torah and start right now.

- *Fifth candle—Spirituality.* We don't always know what it means, but we now it when we have it. Share a few words about your spiritual life with those around you. How do you experience the spirituality of this holiday? What can you do to enhance the spiritual quality of your life? How can you draw closer to God?

- *Sixth candle—Am Yisrael—the people of Israel.* What connections do you have to the Jewish people around the world? In the Soviet Union? In Ethiopia? In the land of Israel? What is your common ground and what are your differences? What can you do to enhance the mutual connections or to become more involved in the community?

- *Seventh candle—The lesbian and gay community.* This is our people, too. How do you define "your community"? What responsibilities do we have to those who are outside of our own community? What is your commitment to communal responsibility? What community organization deserves your greater attention?

- *Eighth candle—Tikkun Olam.* Making the world whole/bringing the Messianic Age. We add another candle each night of the holiday until our menorah is ablaze with light. *Tikkun Olam* requires commitment in each of these areas, as well as the special contributions that only you can make. The dedication for this night is open, awaiting your renewed commitment to what is most sacred, most in need of renewal, the identification of the place most in need of light. This candle, the eighth candle of the menorah, I dedicate to ...

## Office Notes

In an ever-increasing desire on the part of the office staff to better meet your needs, a new system (and, yes, a new form) has been implemented. It is called "Office Requisition Form" and is to be used for any and all requests for information and/or services from the office. It is simple to use and will make the process faster and easier. The forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary as well as on the office door.

As usual, the call goes out for office volunteers. If you have a day to stuff envelopes or photocopy a pile of papers, give it to us and perform a mitzvah at the same time.

Also, please inform the office of any personal information changes (name, home or business address, phone number, anniversary date, or name prohibition change), so that we can change the database and send mail promptly.

## Our Building

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All this adds up to a lot of wear and tear, not to mention spilled juice and bread crumbs. For routine cleaning, we contract with a service to come in weekly.

For repairs, we have the building committee. And October was a busy month for the committee. There are a number of leaks in our roof and other repairs needed before winter (and rain) comes. In addition, some security projects and energy-saving measures were recently undertaken.

San Francisco must be a great place to be in the building trades. Contractors are still busy with repairs from last year's earthquake and small roof repair jobs such as ours do not seem to interest them. But by the time you read this, most repairs should be done. We have also installed timers for lights to save energy and have added fire extinguishers for safety. A mirror for the downstairs washroom was installed and about 15 other small projects were completed around the building.

We have a safe, warm and secure synagogue to enjoy. If you would like to help keep it that way, you are encouraged to join the building committee.

—Jeffrey Miller, Chair  
Building Committee

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## Chanukah and Christmas

I received a phone call in early November from a most sincere and sensitive caller. A gay professional active in a gay civic organization, "Robert" was working on a plan to put up the Castro Christmas tree on Hibernia Beach (an open area near the former Hibernia Bank on Castro Street). He had been referred to me because his organization wished to be respectful of and responsive to the feelings of Jews. Someone had proposed putting up a Chanukah display with a menorah next to the tree; what did I think of that? I recommended against it. In fact, I discouraged all the suggestions—including decorating the tree with menorahs and dreidels. It took some time for me to convince Robert, who really wanted to do the proper thing, that there was no public display of Jewish symbols which would make me feel fully included in "the holiday season"—and further, that I have no desire to be included.

Robert was very well-meaning, trying hard to do "outreach" and the politically and culturally correct thing. I think I disappointed him by turning down his offer for "equal access." But having a display of a Chanukah menorah with some presents—no matter what size—cannot be a counterweight to the smothering domination of Christmas culture in this country at this time of the year. The token symbolic display of Jewish ritual objects from a holiday which happens to fall at approximately the same time is no compensation for the oppression I experience. The replacement in school pageants and public places of explicitly religious songs, like "Silent Night," by "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells" is, on the one hand, essential, while at the same time only obscuring the real question of whose values and experience shape our culture. (While including "I Have a Little Dreidel" on the program is surely some progress, Judaism and Jewish culture has more to offer.)

Part of the reason why I don't like ameliorating the majority's new-found multi-cultural sensitivity by now calling this time of year "the Christmas-Chanukah season" is that by recognizing the Jews as the "official" religious minority, less compatible and therefore more threatening non-Christians—Native

Americans, for example—are safely kept invisible. The Jewish community, itself so long invisible and now grateful to be considered as a legitimate component of the culture, cooperates in promoting the myth that the American self-understanding has been transformed from a Christian nation to a Judeo-Christian one. The Christian majority is sensitively multi-cultural, by co-opting Chanukah (which, of course, is just like Christmas—it's all about lights and exchanging gifts, isn't it?). Meanwhile, the United States Supreme Court recently declared that a law which results in the suppression of a worship service is not necessarily in conflict with the Constitution's protection of religious freedom. (See the article "High Court Redefines Religious Freedom" in the Winter Reform Judaism.)

Please don't misunderstand me; I am appreciative when other people notice that we are celebrating a holiday and make an effort to acknowledge my culture and experiences. But I also look forward to a time when there is real sensitivity, and not mere tokenism, toward minority religions and cultures. I don't know what that would mean for other groups. For our community, it would mean not having to use up vacation and personal days in order to attend High Holiday services. It might mean having more stores closed on Saturdays and open on Sundays. Best of all, how about not ticketing our cars outside the Unitarian Center on Yom Kippur?

Best wishes for a Chanukah season filled with light.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Rabbi Kahn's essay, "Rabbi and Gay: A Personal Perspective," appeared recently in Reform Judaism, the magazine of the Reform Movement. If you did not receive Reform Judaism in the mail, copies are available at the synagogue.

### Anniversaries

*Due to an oversight, December anniversaries must be printed in the January issue. To all those celebrating in December, Mazel Tov!*

## Women's Chavurah

### Night of Games

The Women's Chavurah's back in action and all women are invited to a games night at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 24 at a home in San Francisco. Bring your favorite game or join us in playing Trivial Pursuit, dominoes, Boggle, Scattergories, Uno, Hungry Hungry Hippos and other fun games. Please bring a snack or drinks. If you want to join the games that night, please call me for information.

In addition, the Women's Chavurah will be setting up a meeting in January to plan some events for the future. If you are interested in being on the committee, please call me at 661-5168.

—Ann Biderman, Chair Women's Chavurah

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### Exploring Our Space

During the month of December, we will be experimenting with different configurations of the pews in the sanctuary. Sephardic synagogues have always had the reader's desk (lectern) in the center of the congregation. Our goal is to reduce the distance between service leaders and worshipers and to enhance our experience of sharing in worship together. Your comments, suggestions and observations are needed; evaluation forms will be available after every service. The Ritual Committee will discuss whether to rearrange the sanctuary on a regular or occasional basis after evaluating the response during this month.



## Four from the Heartland

Amazing, isn't it, how you can walk into a room filled with 200 Jews you never met—and instantly feel at home. That's what happened to me in November in Indianapolis when I went to the Midwest Regional Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Delegates came from large and small congregations in eight states, from Denver to Nashville—America's heartland. I was there to co-lead workshops on AIDS, and on Judaism and homosexuality; to help establish a regional AIDS committee; and to be part of a symposium on Jewish ethics and values.

I've spoken about these issues in a number of places, but never in the Midwest. The experience was interesting, challenging, and ultimately moving. I met so many people that I liked and admired. These are four of them and their stories:

- Jonathan Stein is rabbi of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, where we had Shabbat services on Friday evening. The first thing you see when you enter the foyer of the synagogue is a framed copy of the UAHC AIDS poster. After services I thanked Rabbi Stein for displaying it in such a prominent place. He told me the synagogue is reaching out to people with AIDS in a number of ways, including preparing meals for those too ill to prepare their own. The rabbi and his wife do much of the cooking. I didn't ask whether there are synagogue members with AIDS, but I don't think it mattered. They are concerned about all who need them, Jews and non-Jews alike. "AIDS is everyone's problem," the rabbi said. And indeed it is.

- Heidi, the co-chair of the region's AIDS committee, is a medical researcher who is also principal of her Missouri congregation's religious school. She tacked the AIDS poster to the wall of her primary grade classroom, and waited for the children to ask about it. When they did, she talked to them about AIDS at their level of understanding. The discussion included ways of staying healthy, and even how un-Jewish it is to discriminate against people who are ill. She's now planning a region-wide symposium on AIDS for physicians and rabbis together.

- Michael, a Denver attorney, soon to be president of his congregation, has

written an AIDS non-discrimination policy to be used in all synagogues, Jewish agencies, and Jewish day schools in the Denver area. We spent some time going over it, fine-tuning it. But it was a wonderfully compassionate document as it started out. The man is not gay, and he doesn't even have close friends who are HIV-positive. But he takes seriously the prophetic imperative to care for those who are ill, and to break the chains of oppression and discrimination.

- Alice, a young lesbian from a small Illinois congregation, approached her rabbi with some trepidation. She wanted to come out to him, but she wasn't sure how he'd respond. He responded with a grin, and with a suggestion that she "read this." "This" was our newsletter, the *Forward*; he'd been a subscriber for years. The two of them worked on ways to make lesbians and gay men feel welcome in their synagogue. And beginning with this issue, she'll be getting her own copy. *Yasher koach*, Alice—and welcome aboard!

Next time I find myself wondering if we're fighting these battles alone, I'll think of Heidi and Michael, of Rabbi Jonathan and of Alice—and I'll remember that we have good friends out there, perhaps more than we know.

The delegates were well beyond "AIDS 101," so I spent most of the time letting them share programming ideas for large and small congregations. Some of the good ones I've brought home for our own AIDS committee.

The workshop on Judaism and homosexuality began (as I always begin these sessions), with slides of "The Life and Times of Sha'ar Zahav." (Many of you have seen these slides at new members' coffee klatches.) This takes the issue from the academic to the personal, from the head to the heart.

Then I raised the questions they all are increasingly less shy about asking:

- Why do you need your own synagogues? (For spirituality/community.)
- Doesn't the Torah prohibit homosexuality? (Yes—male homosexuality. It also mandates the stoning of recalcitrant children. But look beyond the condemnatory passages of Leviticus 18 and 20 to Leviticus 19, which insists that we care for the "stranger in our midst" as one of our own—a far truer representation of Torah values. And *halacha* has always changed to reflect current scientific understanding.)
- There are children in your congregation. How can you have children?

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Congregation Sha'ar Zahav  
proudly announces its first annual

## Tu B'Shevat Tree Planting and Celebration

Saturday, February 2  
Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland  
*Read the January Forward for details*



## Sibling Notes

**Am Segulah** (West Hartford, Conn.)—Voted to officially become a congregation at its annual meeting last September. Also, members of Am Segulah and their rabbi, Chana Timoner, celebrated Shabbat and went sightseeing with members of Beth Simchat Torah (New York) on November 17.

**Bet Haverim** (Atlanta)—The only gay and lesbian congregation that belongs to the Reconstructionist movement. Bet Haverim's October and November newsletters include a column titled "Thoughts on Reconstructionism." I recommend these columns to anyone interested in a short introduction to the fourth, newest and least-studied branch of Judaism. Bet Haverim's newsletters, along with all newsletters we receive from our sibling congregations and organizations, are housed in our library.

**Beth Chayim Chadashim** (Los Angeles)—BCC's extensive fall education classes include Basic Judaism—the Holidays and Beyond, Introduction to Yiddish, Jewish Cooking and Eating, Bibles and Bagels, Torah Cantillation, Negotiating the Holidays and Other Interfaith Issues, and Conversational Hebrew.

**Beth Simchat Torah** (New York)—Voted recently to hire a full-time rabbi. The president will appoint a search committee and expects the hiring process to take about a year.

**Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group** (London)—The group's newsletter has just begun reporting the activities of the Northern Group, the Jewish gay and lesbian group based in Manchester. (Gee, I wonder if any of my many north England cousins belong ...)

**Nayim** (Rochester, N.Y.)—Notes in its newsletter that on the first Monday of each month, a group called Parents and Friends of Jewish Gays and Lesbians meets. The meetings are organized under the auspices of Rochester Jewish Family Services. If anyone knows of other parents and friends groups specifically reaching out to Jews, please let me know. This is valuable information for us to pass on to any of our families of origin around the country in need of a support group.

**Tikvah Chadashah** (Seattle)—Hosted the 1990 Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews this past summer. More than 40 people attended from

all over the West for a weekend of worship, spiritual and educational stimulation, and fun. Weekend workshops included Creative Liturgy, Lesbian/Gay and Jewish—From Coping to Activism, Jewish/Non-Jewish Relationships and the Jewish Family. CSZ's own Mike Rankin spoke on the Reform Movement's recent decision to ordain gay and lesbian rabbis.

—Robin Leonard,  
*World Congress Enthusiast*

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### Hold the date!

Sunday, December 9  
is the next meeting of the  
planning committee for the

## TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GAY AND LESBIAN JEWS

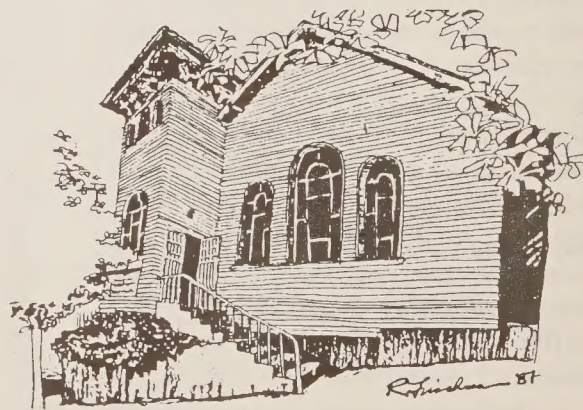
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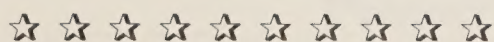


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12	Bill Goldstein
12	Ralph Frischman
12	Walter Leiss
12	Lane Schickler
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15	Ron Lezell
18	Ethan Ubell
19	David Shaber
19	Don Albert
20	Hannah Jae Cohen-Blair
20	Michele Sullivan
23	Daniel Alexander Rosenfeld-Sharp
23	Evan Kuluk
24	Ellen Kugler
26	Jose Luis Moscovich
29	David M.
29	Susan Gelmis
30	Leslie Bergson
30	Walter Palmer
31	Sam Thal

## UAHC

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(Same as everyone else—a sperm and an egg. All the rest is commentary. The commentary? Adoption, artificial insemination, and children from previous heterosexual marriages.)

• If we now know that sexual orientation is set at birth or shortly after, and that we don't "choose" to be heterosexual or homosexual—what choices then do gay people have? (1. Celibacy. 2. A heterosexual marriage in which the tension in the bedroom will be felt in every aspect of the marriage. 3. A loving relationship with a partner of the same gender, allowing us to celebrate two of the greatest gifts a loving God has given us: companionship and a joyful sexuality.)

• If you don't have children, who will say Kaddish for you? (We will say it for

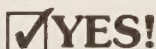
## The New Social Action

For months now, the Social Action Committee of Sha'ar Zahav has been operating without a plan of action or a committed group of members large enough to feel effective. From time to time, as the need arose, a tiny core group has been able to come together to take urgent action or put together an event, but this has not felt satisfying to any of those involved. Getting new, interested members to come to meetings has been like pulling teeth. At one point, we even considered telling you that the committee officially died just to see if anyone would notice and respond.

So what's going on here? Didn't you say when you became involved with the congregation that one of the things you loved about CSZ was its commitment to social and political responsibility and to the community? Didn't you want to be part of that response to the problems around us? Or were you content to let others carry the ball?

Well, let's try this: instead of trying to get more people to come to regular meetings, we'll just institutionalize the existing reality. We'd like you to commit just to allow yourself to be called to participate in a specified activity or task in any areas of interest of your choosing. It won't take much of your time at all, and someone else will be responsible for making arrangements. That way, as the need arises, a group of people will be ready to do something about it. Of course, if you'd like to be part of setting goals and direction for CSZ's future role in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) we could still use some help in pulling this all together. How does that sound? Please fill out the coupon you find on this page and send it to the office (Attention: Social Action Committee), and let us know what you're willing to do to be part of this important process.

—Lisa Katz and Jonathan Mesinger, Co-Chairs



☒ **YES!** I want to be part of furthering Sha'ar Zahav's commitment to social responsibility! I would be interested in being called to participate in specific events or tasks related to the areas I have checked, or in planning the course of CSZ's social activism.

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- ☐ Gay/Lesbian issues
- ☐ AIDS-related issues
- ☐ Women's issues/reproductive rights
- ☐ World peace and freedom
- ☐ Israel-related issues
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ World Jewry concerns/anti-Semitism
- ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

each other, generation after generation. This gave me an opportunity to talk about the liturgy we've written to reflect our lives as gay and lesbian Jews, and to read some of it. They were moved, as I always am when I come to those passages on Shabbat and Yom Tov.)

All of this led to good, sometimes heated, always respectful discussion. Not everyone agreed with my arguments, but even in the disagreement they found communality and better understanding. And as always, several threatened to join the congregation, even from afar. "Why can't we celebrate our Judaism with that excitement and that joy," they asked? "How can we get our members so involved?" Which prompted more debate, leaving me proud and grinning in the background. But we had only so much time, and these were my words to them as the workshop ended:

"Friends, the things that divide us are very small compared to those that unite us. Gay and non-gay, we are all part of *Klal Yisrael*, of the whole Jewish people. We stood as one at Sinai. We fought as one at Masada, and in the Warsaw ghetto. Together we knew the searing pain of Auschwitz, and the soaring joy of the rebirth of the State of Israel.

"We who are gay seek only to join with you in honoring the Covenant, in mending a torn world. The task is too great for us if we remain apart, scattered like sparks in the wind. But together we can make of our one people all that we want it to be—truly an '*or l'goyim*,' a light to the nations."

And you know—after spending a weekend with 200 Jews who were never really strangers, I think most of them want exactly the same thing. I hope so.

—Mike Rankin



## Library Notes

Rosemary Radford Ruether called it "the most important systematic theological revisioning of Judaism to overcome patriarchal hierarchy." Part of it was included in *Twice Blessed*. Now it is on our library shelves for you. But what is it? It is Judith Plaskow's truly remarkable *Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective*.

Another new book on our shelves is Cynthia Ozick's *Metaphor and Memory*. This is a collection of essays that reflect Ms. Ozick's thoughts on subjects from Primo Levi's suicide note to memories of New York's Washington Square.

There is a new policy regarding check-out limits:

- A book may be checked out once with two renewals for a total of six weeks. One month's lapse time follows.
- Only five books at a time may be checked out.

Also please remember to replace the book on the shelf with the card in it when you are checking it in. And those of you who still have High Holy Day tapes: they are overdue.

The library is open during office hours, on Saturdays from 3 to 5 pm, and on the second and fourth Mondays each month, from 7:30 to 10 pm.

The Fiction Connection and A Different Light Books will co-sponsor Lev Rafael's reading from his new book, *Dancing on Tisha B'Av*. Time for the reading will be Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 pm. This book of short stories will be discussed by the Fiction Connection on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. So join us for a reading and refreshments at A Different Light as well as a discussion and dinner at the 24th Street Restaurant.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin

## Naches

To **Mike Rankin**, past president of Sha'ar Zahav, national board member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a gay Jewish activist with a heart of gold who is not afraid to stir up a little trouble, who recently received an award from Congregation Tikvah Chadashah in Seattle. The award—for Mike's outstanding work on behalf of the gay and lesbian Jewish community—was presented to him at the recent Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, held in Seattle.

## Education Committee

### Jewish Book Month

This is Jewish Book Month. This wonderful celebration draws our attention to the rich literary tradition that is ours and encourages each of us to enjoy the new works that have been added to our literature this last year. If you haven't already, come visit Sha'ar Zahav's library—housed on the second floor—and see our carefully chosen collection of books, magazines, slides, and tapes. Four years ago this collection did not exist.

You and the other members of Sha'ar Zahav have created this library through your generous contributions in the past. This library needs to continue to grow and is therefore seeking 10 farsighted benefactors each willing to purchase one book from a list of desired titles to enrich

our library. The books are:

- *Wisdom of the Hebrew Alphabet* (\$15)
- *Celebration: Book of Jewish Festivals* (\$25)
- *Raising Your Child To Be a Mench* (\$15)
- *Steinsaltz Talmud* (\$40)
- *Chagall: Jerusalem Windows* (\$30)
- *A Vanished World* by Vishniac (\$65)
- *Jewish Preaching* by Saperstein (\$45)
- *Jewish Thoughts of Emil Fackenheim* (\$16)
- *Finding Acceptance and Fulfillment as a Jew by Choice* (\$25)
- *Sonsino Books of the Bible* (\$150 set)

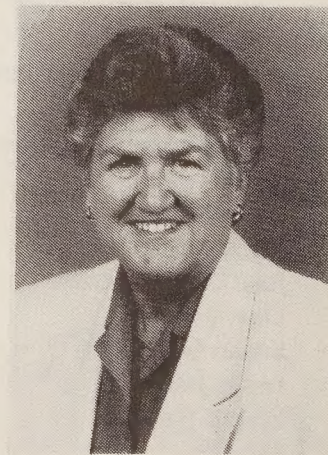
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## Project Open Hand

Sha'ar Zahav members and friends will once again be participating in a volunteer effort on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to cook and deliver meals for Project Open Hand. This event has been very successful in the past and personally rewarding for all who contributed a few hours to this wonderful community experience. A potluck will be held afterward at a location to be announced on the evening of Christmas Day.

A sign-up form is included in this issue. You will receive a confirmation in the mail after you sign up.

People who have never worked with Project Open Hand are urged to attend a

volunteer orientation on any Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Project Open Hand (401 Duboce at Church Street across from the Market Street Safeway). All volunteers, new or experienced, are encouraged to attend a special orientation for our group at the Bryant Street kitchen. The special orientation will be scheduled during the week before Christmas. The date will be included in your confirmation.

Project Open Hand also needs volunteers for help delivering gifts for a couple of hours a few days before Christmas. You may call Hilda Jones at Project Open Hand (558-0600) for more details.

—Alison Cohen

## Oneg Sponsors

During November onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 2 Lonnie Weiss and Lin Turner, celebrating the birth of Tsipora Franz Prochovnik
- 16 Elliot Gordon, Beverly Hewitt, Jeff Rubin, Lin Turner and Peter Vishniac, honoring Robert Coffman on the occasion of his conversion

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

**H**ave you given the Sha'ar Zahav cookbook, *Out of Our Kitchen Closets*, to all your friends and loved ones? Do you need another holiday gift? Try shopping at **Under One Roof**, a temporary outlet selling merchandise that benefits local AIDS organizations. Our own cookbook, along with T-shirts, books, mugs and other items are in stock.

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Phil Charney lighting the candles at a CSZ shabbat dinner.

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## November Va'ad Report

Having begun with the usual call to order and check-in, the Va'ad went right on to the office manager's report so that Mark Pressler could leave to celebrate his birthday. Mark informed the Va'ad that the synagogue is now a member of the Price Club, where prices for office and kitchen supplies are considerably lower than what we have been paying in the past.

Rabbi Kahn led us in D'var Torah with a discussion of the following selection from Pirkei Avot: "When two people sit and words of Torah pass between them, the Divine Presence rests between them." Understood in its widest possible sense, this applies to acts of Torah as well.

Rabbi Kahn was in Chicago for a meeting of the UAHC Regional Biennial and his address on "Who and What is Family: Towards Diversity in our Synagogues and Congregations" was very well received. He also mentioned that Rabbi Richard Hirsch, the executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, will be in San Francisco in the near future. Eric Keitel will be hosting a breakfast for our representatives with the UAHC and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations to meet Rabbi Hirsch and let him know about the work we do.

Brett Trueman presented the monthly financial statement and answered questions from those present. Judy Schwartz presented three new members to the Va'ad and they were unanimously voted in. Allan Gold reported that the Fine Arts Advisory Panel consists of seven members, not just the four named last month. The three additional members are Jonathan Funk, Alex Ingersoll and Marilyn O'Keefe. The panel met and resolved the Ark controversy and, on behalf of the group, Allan Gold presented two motions—that the curtains on the Ark be removed and that the lights in the Ark remain in place pending an overall plan for lighting and construction on the *bimah*—both of which passed. The Va'ad commended everyone who invested their time and hard work in the Ark: Marian Trentman for building it, and Alex Ingersoll, David Stein, Ralph Frischman and Jeffrey Miller for their work on modifications. Allan went on to report that our annual Chanukah Party will have a '50s theme and is to be called "Chanukah Bop." After some discus-

sion about ticket prices, the Va'ad passed a motion that ticket prices be set at \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Jeffrey Miller discussed a number of building issues. The Va'ad approved his motion to increase building rental rates based on the schedule in his written report, with the provision that a mutually agreeable contract be renegotiated with our existing tenants. A motion was also passed to proceed with roof repairs to be done by Michael Healey for no more than \$1,200. Va'ad members commented on the long list of building projects completed in the past month, and Lisa Katz led the Va'ad in thanking Jeffrey by acclamation for his hard work as chair of the Building Committee.

Merry Luskin read a thank-you letter from the Jewish Community Federation and said that we were the first local congregation to make a contribution to Operation Exodus. She showed everyone an Award of Appreciation from Kaiser Permanente for three years of monthly brunches. Turning to the 1991 elections, Merry presented a motion that the 1991 Elections Committee be consti-

tuted by Paul Cohen as chair, with Diana Buchbinder, Gary Sokol, Susan Unger and Michael Zimmerman as the other members. The motion passed and Paul reported that the committee will hold its first meeting in late November or early December. Merry notified the Va'ad that Lane Schickler will be stepping down as chair of the Bikkur Cholim Committee but will continue to participate in the committee's activities.

Eric Keitel led a discussion of his Finance Committee report to the Va'ad, which summarized the reasons for the \$26,000 deficit projected for the current fiscal year. He and other Finance Committee members present answered questions, but deferred a longer discussion until December 2, when a special meeting will be held to discuss what actions should be taken about the projected deficit.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm with an evaluation, the singing of Oseh Shalom, and was followed by a closed session for Va'ad members.

—Gail Friedlander

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2	David Sol Friedman, father of Lyssa Friedman	18	David Glassberg, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
3	Pearl Hoffman, mother of Arlene Hoffman	18	Henry Cipriani, friend of Marc Lipschutz
3	Ada Shernock, grandmother of Randy Schiller	18	(Tevet 1) Arthur Gordon, father of Elliot Gordon
4	Mollie Schickler, grandmother of Lane Schickler	18	Rubin Ritz, stepfather of Barry Siegel
4	Meyer Paker, brother of Perry Paker	20	Norman David Kramer, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
5	(Kislev 18) Jacob Koshover, grandfather of Sherie Ann Koshover	22	Chester Wisniewski, father of Catherine Wisniewski
6	Susie Morgenstein, cousin of Judy Macks	23	Ruth Rosenfeld, aunt of Alita Rosenfeld
6	Joan Graham, friend of Richard Inlander	24	Clark Beebe, friend of Bernard Pechter
7	Madeleine Feinberg, aunt of Carole Migden	24	Liesel Bamberger, mother of Jenifer B. Dahlstrom
8	Sherman Kalis, brother of Betty Kalis	25	Michael Ward, lover of Mark Freeman
8	Jeannette Behrendt, grandmother of Judy Schwartz	25	A. Martin Lipschutz, father of Marc Lipschutz
9	Frieda Shaber, mother of David Shaber	26	Andrew Stetler, brother of Catherine Stetler
11	Samuel Dunn, grandfather of Eileen Dunn	28	Rose Weiss, grandmother of Lonnie Weiss
13	Barbara Mendelow, sister of Mark Mendelow	29	Shirley Keitel, mother of Eric Keitel
14	(Kislev 27) Abraham Carrey, father of Henry Carrey	31	Sam Kimerling, grandfather of Allyce Kimerling

## Sharon Penny Dachinger

**Dec. 2, 1946–Sept. 19, 1990**

**A**fter an arduous battle with cancer, Penny passed away the day before Rosh Hashanah in Hollywood, Fla.

Penny was a fighter all of her life. She was a strongly principled woman who was no shrinking violet in asserting those principles. She was well-known and respected throughout the lesbian and gay communities in San Francisco, New York and South Florida.

Penny was born in New York; she earned a bachelor of arts degree from Hunter College and a master of arts degree in art therapy from George Washington University in 1974. That year she contributed to the definitive text in her field, *Art Therapy*.

In 1977 she moved to the Bay Area where she was an assistant professor at San Jose State, teaching art therapy. Penny was a founding member and co-leader of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Penny moved to New York City in 1981, where she was active in the Gay Men's Health Crisis, training peer counselors for PWAs, and to the Miami area in 1987, where she was an art therapist for the Dade County Public Schools until her illness.

Penny, a generous, caring and perceptive person, will be missed by all who knew her.

## Condolences

To **Rosalinda Del Moral** on the loss of her uncle, Waldemar Santiago

To **Tom Yazman** on the loss of his friend, Ron Lenny

To **Sharon Saslafsky & Catherine Dodd** on the loss of their friend, Mark Reardon

To **Susan Sobel-Feldman** on the loss of her friend, Claude Delvanthal

To **Susan Greenspan** on the loss of her friend, Eudis Kupferman

To **the congregation** on the loss of Enoch Harrison, the synagogue caretaker for many years

## Shalom '91 Update

**Rabbi Brian Lurie** called on Bay Area Jewish community members to rededicate themselves to visible support of the people of Israel during this most recent period of crisis. He asked Jews to show their support by making plans to visit Israel, particularly on the Shalom '91 mega-mission, scheduled for April 14–22, 1991.

With mega-missions from several other communities having been canceled, the Northern California trip has become a focal point, he noted. Thus far, 262 people have signed up, making Shalom '91 the largest mission ever organized in Northern California.

Lurie, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation, who returned from a five-day trip to the Jewish State on November 1, observed, "A powerful sense of isolation pervades the people of Israel. As American Jewish communities cancel one mission after another, the idea of sharing a Jewish destiny begins to seem to them like hollow rhetoric."

Shalom '91, which is sponsored by the four Northern California Federations, will take a contingent of Northern California Jews on a week-long mission to Israel. Traveling by luxury bus on specialized itineraries, groups of 35 to 40 will enjoy evenings in the homes of Israelis, updates from government and other leaders, as well as behind-the-scenes visits to artists' studios, technological institutions and other industries. The group will gather en masse for several special events.

Cost, including air fare, accommodations, activities and most meals, is \$2,398 per person. For information call (800) 649-4779.



## Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

### *Bikkur Cholim Fund*

**Hal Podgur**, in honor of Jack Podgur's birthday

### *Children's Education Fund*

**Elliot Gordon**, in honor of the birth of Tsipora Franz Prochovnik

### *Library Fund*

**Jonathan Funk & Jon Arnold**, in honor of the birth of Ari Hershal Lewkawitz

### *Religious School Fund*

**Mike Rankin**, in honor of the birth of Samuel Allen

### *AIDS Fund*

**Jeffrey Miller**, in memory of his friend Tommy-Jo Cook

**Paul Blanc**, in honor of Simon Glass of London

### *Prayerbook Fund*

**Jonathan Funk & Jon Arnold**, in honor of Claudia Bernard and Scott Mezistrano, High Holiday Chairs

### *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*

**Susan Sobel-Feldman**, in honor of Rabbi Eric Weiss who created a home and filled it with loving friendship

**Ellen Shapiro**, in memory of Milton H. Shapiro

**Ora Prochovnik & Rena Franz**, in honor of the birth of their daughter, Tsipora

**Judith Klain**, for the naming of her son, Michael Klain-Chavez

### *Torah Fund*

**Mike Rankin**, in honor of Jeffrey Miller, who keeps our synagogue building standing proud, tall, and almost entirely leak-free

**Richard Inlander & Ben Schalit**, in memory of Susan Horst's mother, Connie

**Mike Rankin**, in honor of Irene

## Synagogue Information

### **Rabbi Yoel Kahn**

#### **Officers:**

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**Office Hours:** Mon. 8-5; Tues. 8-4:30; Wed., Thu. 8-2:30; Fri. 8-3. Phones will be answered Mon.-Fri. 10-2.

**Library Hours:** Open during office hours, on Saturdays from 3 to 5 pm, and on the second and fourth Mondays each month from 7:30 to 10 pm.

**Emergency Number:** In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second and last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Richard Inlander, Mike Rankin, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Eric Keitel, Liaison).

Minsky becoming a great-grandmother

**Cynthia Gair**, in memory of Mary-Helen Mantner, Washington, D.C.

### *General Fund*

**Laurie Hauer**, in honor of Jordan Hauer-Laurencin on the occasion of his fifth birthday

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**Perry Paker**, in memory of Isador Paker

**Susan Horst**, in honor of Richard Inlander's birthday

**Daniel Chesir**, in honor of Steve Unger

**Don Albert**, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Gert and Henry Yam



## DECEMBER

## כֶּסֶל-טֹבַת

<b>1</b> Saturday 14 Kislev • 9:30am, Kadimah	<b>9</b> Sunday 22 Kislev • 4pm, Planning meeting, 12th International Conference, 346 Euclid Ave., S.F.	<b>16</b> Sunday 29 Kislev <b>Chanukah—Fifth Day</b> • 10am, Long Range Planning, 47 Cuvier St., S.F.	<b>24</b> Monday 7 Tevet • 6:15pm, Library open • 7–10pm, Gift shop open • Project Open Hand, see enclosed flyer for times
<b>2</b> Sunday 15 Kislev • 1:30pm, Special Va'ad meeting • 3:30pm, Lev Rafael reading, A Different Light, 489 Castro	<b>10</b> Monday 23 Kislev • 6:15pm, Library open • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting	<b>17</b> Monday 30 Kislev <b>Chanukah—Sixth Day</b> • 6:15pm, Library open	<b>25</b> Tuesday 8 Tevet <b>Christmas</b> • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism • Project Open Hand, see enclosed flyer for times
<b>3</b> Monday 16 Kislev • 6:15pm, Library open • 7pm, Fine Arts Committee • 7:30pm, Education Committee	<b>11</b> Tuesday 24 Kislev <b>Erev Chanukah</b> • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism	<b>18</b> Tuesday 1 Tevet <b>Chanukah—Seventh Day</b> • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism • 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing and layout, 1711 Castro	<b>26</b> Wednesday 9 Tevet • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism
<b>4</b> Tuesday 17 Kislev • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism	<b>12</b> Wednesday 25 Kislev <b>Chanukah—First Day</b> • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism	<b>19</b> Wednesday 2 Tevet <b>Chanukah—Eighth Day</b> • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism	<b>27</b> Thursday 10 Tevet • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee
<b>5</b> Wednesday 18 Kislev • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism	<b>13</b> Thursday 26 Kislev <b>Chanukah—Second Day</b> • Membership Committee	<b>20</b> Thursday 3 Tevet	<b>28</b> Friday 11 Tevet • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Kahn and Frank Masson, childcare available
<b>6</b> Thursday 19 Kislev • 6:30pm, Long Range Planning Meeting • Bikkur Cholim Committee • 7:30pm, Religious School Committee	<b>14</b> Friday 27 Kislev <b>Chanukah—Third Day</b> • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Kahn and Jose Luis Moscovich	<b>21</b> Friday 4 Tevet • 6:30pm, Shabbat Dinner • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Susan Gelmis, Nancy Carol Adler and Jonathan Funk	<b>29</b> Saturday 12 Tevet • 10:30am, Morning Services, Rabbi Kahn and Lina Zerbarini
<b>7</b> Friday 20 Kislev • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Larry Wexler and Scott Mezistrano; AIDS Quilt in Israel sermon by Ron Lezell	<b>15</b> Saturday 28 Kislev <b>Chanukah—Fourth Day</b> • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10:30am, Morning Services, Jill Gronner and Kathy Simon • 7:30pm, Chanukah Party, Unitarian Center	<b>22</b> Saturday 5 Tevet Winter begins	<b>30</b> Sunday 13 Tevet • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, S.F.
<b>8</b> Saturday 21 Kislev • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10:30am, Morning Services		<b>23</b> Sunday 6 Tevet	<b>31</b> Monday 14 Tevet • 6:15pm, Library open

**4** Friday, January 4  
18 Tevet  
• 8:15pm, Services, Mike Rankin

*Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.*